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Letter dated 6 July 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I have the honour to convey the attached report on the international security presence in Kosovo covering the period from 1 to 31 May 2007 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring it to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 5 July 2007 from the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to the Secretary-General

In accordance with paragraph 20 of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I attach a report on the operations of the Kosovo Force covering the period from 1 to 31 May 2007. I would appreciate your making this report available to the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Jaap **de Hoop Scheffer**

Enclosure

Monthly report to the United Nations on the operations of the Kosovo Force

1. This report covers the period from 1 to 31 May 2007.

2. As at 31 May 2007, the total number of troops in theatre was 15,713. This includes 2,476 troops from non-NATO countries.

3. There was no change to the status of partner/non-NATO country contributions.

Political situation

4. Kosovo Albanian leaders welcomed the formal introduction of a draft resolution in the Security Council on 31 May. Neither the formation of a new Serbian Government on 15 May 2007 nor the creation of a new Ministry for Kosovo in Belgrade, headed by Slobodan Samardzić, led to any major political reactions in Kosovo.

5. The Movement for Self-Determination continued its low-scale activity with some demonstrations throughout the month.

Security situation

6. No incidents were reported over the period.

7. No incidents of violence or threats against the Kosovo Force (KFOR) were recorded in May 2007.

8. A total of 412 incidents relating to drugs (19), counterfeit currency (29), smuggling (15), explosions (9), miscellaneous criminal incidents (117), illegal weapons possession (77), weapons and ammunitions found (33) and unexploded ordnance (113) were reported during this period, compared to 300 in the previous month.

KFOR operations

9. The operational tempo of KFOR framework operations remained calm during May. KFOR continues to be fully prepared to react to potential disturbances Kosovo wide. During the past four weeks, KFOR conducted 139 search operations, 10,449 vehicle checks and 225 joint activities. The German Operational Reserve Force battalion redeployed at the beginning of May while the Italian Operational Reserve Force battalion has started its deployment.

Compliance

10. There was no meeting of the Disciplinary Board in May 2007.

Kosovo Protection Corps

11. There was no recruitment campaign for the Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC) in May 2007.

12. The current active personnel establishment is 2,934. There were 201 (6.84 per cent) active ethnic minority members (174 males, 27 females), the same figures as

the previous month. There are 113 open slots left in the active personnel establishment list. The reserve personnel establishment is the same as last month. The Multinational Task Force and KFOR headquarters Inspectorate of KPC conducted 81 roll calls; 1,551 (59.93 per cent) out of 2,588 KPC members were on duty in their barracks and 494 (19.09 per cent) were on duty elsewhere. The total of 2,045 active duty strength (duty in barracks and duty elsewhere) shows that an average of 79.02 per cent of KPC personnel attended work schedules. The other KPC members were reported as follows: 185 (7.15 per cent) were on leave, 305 (11.79 per cent) were sick, training elsewhere, on courses, temporarily transferred or performing activities outside barracks, 53 (2.05 per cent) were absent without permission.

13. KFOR continues to support UNMIK in training KPC on civilian and non-political aspects. The officer career course phase 2 is ongoing. The officer basic course that started on 12 March with 28 members will finish on 1 June with 27 graduates. Twelve members graduated from the basic training course. English language courses finished on 7 May. Currently, KPC is waiting for a donor in order to increase the number of English language classes for the rest of 2007. All other training will continue as planned. On 29 May, the key leaders seminar was held at KPC Training and Doctrine in Pristina.

14. During May there were 15 ceremonies in which 322 KPC members and 250 civilians were involved. No incidents were reported.

Conclusion

15. The overall situation in Kosovo is calm, but political uncertainty related to the ongoing status process and high expectations may raise some tension in the near term. KFOR is prepared for all contingencies and stands ready to contribute towards maintaining safety and security in Kosovo. Acts of violence are often the result of business disputes or personal vendettas, and are not generally ethnically motivated. The threat level against UNMIK and other international community facilities remains medium, the threat level against KFOR is low.